Title: Need to include fishermen community of Andhra Pradesh in the list of scheduled tribes.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the plight of fishermen community in Andhra Pradesh due to non inclusion of this community in ST category. It is learnt that after independence since 1952 this community was included in STs category in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Orissa and some other states except in Andhra Pradesh. Actually the fishermen community's request is genuine because their livelihood depends upon fish hunting. In case any problem comes in the way during the hunting of fish, there is no food for their families on that day. In this connection the Fishermen community people from Andhra Pradesh staged many dharnas before the Parliament House on the issue of their community's inclusion in ST category. I have also submitted many representations to the Government in this regard but no action seems to have been taken so far.

I request the Government to consider inclusion of fishermen community of Andhra Pradesh in STs category.